

1 A MEMORIAL

2 URGING THE STATE GAME COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE JUAN TAFOYA  
3 LAND CORPORATION TO GRAZE CATTLE ON LAND IN THE MARQUEZ  
4 WILDLIFE AREA.

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6 WHEREAS, the state game commission possesses more than  
7 fourteen thousand acres of land known as the Marquez wildlife  
8 area, which was once part of the Juan Tafoya land grant,  
9 formerly part of the Cebolleta land grant and now known as  
10 the Juan Tafoya land corporation; and

11 WHEREAS, the Juan Tafoya land corporation and the state  
12 game commission had a decades-long lease that allowed the  
13 corporation to graze cattle on two pastures within the  
14 wildlife area in exchange for granting hunters access to the  
15 wildlife area across the corporation's land; and

16 WHEREAS, that lease terminated when the state game  
17 commission reached an agreement with a neighboring landowner  
18 for access to the wildlife area, leaving the land corporation  
19 in the unenviable position of trying to remove its cattle  
20 from fenced and isolated land that it once owned and upon  
21 which it has grazed cattle for decades;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state game commission be urged  
24 to allow the Juan Tafoya land corporation to continue to  
25 graze cattle on land in the Marquez wildlife area; and

